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SNOW ALERTS ONLINE GO TO THE CITY'S WEB SITE

NOTICES ABOUT SNOW ALERTS, WATCHES and emergencies are now posted on the front page of the City's Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us.

TASTE OF JAPAN



BSCO CULTURAL EVENING

JOIN THE BLOOMINGTON Sister City Organization (BSCO) for an evening of Japanese food and entertainment,

interactive activities and a silent auction. Taste of Japan will be held on **Saturday, March 11**, at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. For more information, call 952-563-8713.



EAST BUSH LAKE ROAD TRAIL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PEDESTRIAN AND BIKEWAY improvements that began last June along East Bush Lake Road from 105th to 84th Street are continuing this winter. Over the last few months, Xcel Energy has been performing utility relocations, including tree trimming and removals, along East Bush Lake Road between Highwood Drive and 84th Street. Trail improvements are now underway in this area. When completed, new and existing trails will create a 3.34-mile trail with access to Hyland Lake Park Reserve, Bush Lake Beach, Richardson Nature Preserve, Forest Glen Trail and Normandale Lake. Completion of the trail from 105th Street to west of 84th Street is scheduled for summer 2006. Connection to 84th Street at Chalet Road will begin in fall 2006. For more information, call 952-563-4914.

A POTHOLE PRIMER WARMER WINTER WEATHER PRODUCES POTHOLES

UNSEASONABLY WARM WEATHER HAS potholes popping up all over. Street Maintenance is busy repairing potholes that usually aren't a concern until spring.

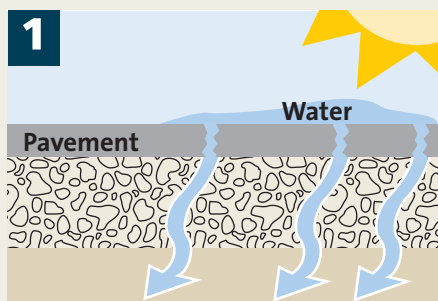
"There are more potholes this year because warmer weather has increased

freeze/thaw cycles. Snow and ice melt during the day, seep into cracks, freeze at night and pop out the pavement," Street Maintenance Supervisor Jim Eiler said.

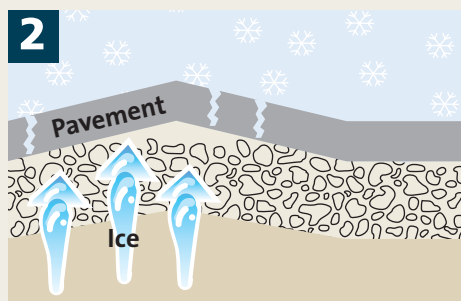
"Weather permitting, we try to send the crews out everyday to fill potholes."

Every effort is made to repair potholes within 24 hours of notification. To report potholes, call Maintenance at 952-563-8760 or visit the City's Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: Potholes.

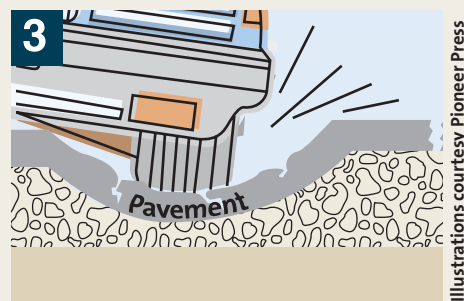
EVOLUTION OF A POTHOLE



Warm weather melts ice and snow, filling pavement cracks with water.



As temperatures drop, the water freezes and expands, breaking up the pavement.



Traffic further breaks up the surface, creating potholes.

Illustrations courtesy Pioneer Press

BLOOMINGTON CENTRAL STATION HOUSING, HOTEL AND CENTRAL PARK ENVISIONED IN NEXT PHASES

A TRAIN ARRIVING AT THE MALL OF AMERICA LAST NOVEMBER CARRIED HIAWATHA LIGHT-Rail Line's 10 millionth customer, nine months ahead of Metro Transit's schedule. The Hiawatha Line has become the most popular transit route in the region and development along the line is accelerating.

McGough Development, who is using Bloomington Central light-rail station as the focal point of its \$700 million development project, is gearing up to begin construction on its next phases, moving Airport South closer to a transit-oriented development district.

Reflections, right, is Bloomington Central Station's first phase. The 263-unit condominium project is scheduled for completion this June. Approximately 85 percent of the units have already been sold.

The project's next phases include a **150-unit condominium and townhome complex** with underground parking, **below right**, a 350-room full-service hotel and a 1.5-acre central park. Construction could begin in the spring after plans are approved.

The 43-acre Bloomington Central Station development project will be built in five phases over 12 years. To view an animated version of the project, visit the City's Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: Central Station. For more information, call 952-563-8925.



Phase I: Reflections.



Phase II: 150-unit residential complex.



The 1.5-acre park, above, designed to reflect the surrounding architecture, will be located at the center of the development. Construction of the \$3.5 million park will be funded with \$800,000 in transit-oriented development grants from Hennepin County and \$2.7 million in grants from the Metropolitan Council. Proposed amenities include seating areas, garden rooms, water features, and paved and lighted walkways. The public park will be maintained and operated by McGough.

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